



Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

November, 2008

St. Anne 8th Graders Find History Under their Feet

Another year brought another class of St. Anne School eighth graders to the historical Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at 7th W. and W. Raye. on Thursday, Oct. 30.

This was the sixth time the QAHS has walked St. Anne students across the green lawns to find the gravesites of people and events they had studied at school. The students had formed groups and each group researched one site and then wrote and produced a short video dramatizing their subject.

Isabel Eggin contacted St. Anne teacher Pam Sturgeon to arrange the tour. Each student was given one of the new stairs maps of Queen Anne. Guides were Del Loder, Kim Turner and John Hennes. Char Eggleston accompanied one of the groups to see the kids' responses first hand. Our thanks to Bill and Loretta Edwards, cemetery owners.



St. Anne 8th Graders at the Clise marker. Del Loder shows a photo of the children's hospital Anna Clise founded. Photo by John Hennes

WASHINGTON THEN & NOW!

**DORPAT & SHERRARD TELL THE STORIES
BEHIND THEIR BOOK**

WED. NOV. 26TH, 7:30 PM

Paul Dorpat's popular *Now & Then* series in the Seattle Times' Pacific Northwest magazine has been a staple in local historical news for many years. In 2007, Paul joined with photographer Jean Sherrard to produce their gorgeous new book, "**Washington Then and Now**".

At the November meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Paul and Jean will present some of the photos and the stories behind this photographic history of many portions of Washington state. Paul has presented several programs to our Society over the years.

The new and popular Queen Anne Public Stairs map will also be available to purchase at the meeting.

Join your friends and neighbors for this free and fascinating program with a local history icon.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, 7:30 pm

**McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.**

Queen Anne Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated. For more information contact John Hennes, 206-284-2266.



Paul Dorpat (left) and Jean Sherrard with their 2007 book.

Photo by Jean Sherrard

**WASHINGTON
THEN & NOW**

PAUL DORPAT • JEAN SHERRARD

Membership Notice—Time to Renew!

Our new and improved Membership Year comes to an end **Dec. 31**. Even though times are uncertain, realize that your membership renewal is a gift to the community you love. Please use the coupon on page 3 to renew now. See the story inside.

Questions? Call Membership Chair, Tara Lawrence, 206-281-8430 tara@qahistory.org.



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CALENDAR OF HERITAGE EVENTS

Wed. Nov. 26, 2008

QAHS Program: Washington Then & Now, by Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free/Donations appreciated. (See story p. 1.)

Wed. Jan. 28, 2009

QAHS Program: The Ballard Locks, by Jay Wells (rescheduled from January 2008). McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

Tue. Feb. 24, 2009

Event: QAHS hosts the Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) meeting. Seattle Church of Christ, 2555 8th Ave W., 9:30 am. Destination Heritage program plus tour of building. Open to the public.

Wed. Mar. 25, 2009

QAHS Program: The Centennial of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Part I. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

Wed. May. 27, 2009

QAHS Program: The Centennial of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Part II. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

Counterbalance Park Opened July 19, 2008

Bright sun and many smiles greeted the opening of the new Counterbalance Park at Queen Anne Ave. N and Roy St. on this past July 19. Mayor Nickels, County Councilman Phillips and other dignitaries congratulated Jean Sundborg and other Uptown activists who made this happen. Bruce Jones worked with the design team to develop a pictorial history of the Counterbalance and trolleys, now engraved on the park bench-wall.



Uptown organizers of the years-long drive to get this park can finally take a deep breath. From the left are Jean Sundborg, John Coney, John Gessner, Keith Biever and Kathy Biever.

Seattle History Blogs

Do you have internet access? If so, there are numerous websites from which you can find stories and pictures of Seattle and King County's past.

Naturally, you will have our own site, www.qahistory.org as one of your bookmarked favorites.

The most comprehensive site is www.historylink.org, the award winning site founded by the late Walt Crowley to provide on-line history of the entire state.

There are other sites, however, that might intrigue you. One of these is www.vintageseattle.org. This one-man operation is run by Jess Cliffe, a Seattle-based software designer and 3D artist. His site represents the perspective of younger Seattleites and people newer to town. It contains a remarkable assortment of photos of old postcards, photographs, advertisements, etc. Most in high resolution. It can be searched also. Check it out.

Other websites to remember include: Seattle Municipal Archives www.flickr.com/photos/seattlemunicipalarchives/; the Queen Anne High School Alumni Association, www.qagrizzlies.org; the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition Centennial, www.aype.org; and many others.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community in Seattle, WA and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Jan Hadley Joins QAHS Board as Our New Treasurer

Queen Anne resident **Jan Hadley** was chosen to be the new QAHS treasurer at the September, 2008 meeting of the Board.

Jan is an attorney in Seattle with the Song Mondress law firm and lives on the hill. She graduated from Brown University and the University of Washington Law School.

Jan replaces **Will Shopes**, who left the Board in August, after eleven years loyal service as treasurer. The Society owes a great thanks to Will for his careful, knowledgeable financial management of our non-profit's affairs.



Joining the Society Board of Trustees are these newly elected three: (l-r) Jan Hadley, Tara Lawrence and Leona Wilkinson.

Also leaving the Board is recently elected member **Sue DeRosa**, who found her schedules in conflict. Sue will continue to support our publicity efforts.

The listing on page 2 describes the board and how to reach them.

Historic Seattle Meets on QA

On November 3rd, Historic Seattle held a members and public meeting at the Seattle Church of Christ at 8th Ave. W. and W. Halliday St. (former 7th Church of Christ Scientist).

Society president, **Char Eggleston**, spoke about "Saving the Building." Reverend Jay Kelly, church pastor, spoke on "Finding a Home on Queen Anne Hill." Kelly has advised us that the church was recently awarded a matching grant from King County 4Culture. It will be used for roof repairs.

Jones Speaks at Landmarks Workshop in Wallingford

Historic Seattle presented a Landmark Nomination Workshop on October 18th at the Good Shepherd Home in Wallingford. Featured was the Society's **Bruce Jones** who presented a review of how QAHS saved the historic Treat House on W. Highland Drive.

Seattle Landmarks Process Challenged by Developers

The city's landmarks preservation process is encoded by ordinance. Recent proposals to consider preserving a number of downtown buildings, as well as Queen Anne's successful effort to landmark the Treat House, has brought forth objections to this process.

In March, the City Council's Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee heard both opponents and supporters. Over a dozen historic preservation supporters spoke in support of the current system, describing it as fair and successful.

The present rapid rate of change in our built environment is renewing interest in preservation. The current economic crunch will help temporarily by slowing the developers who would tear down all older buildings to replace them with bigger structures. The issue is ongoing, however, and requires all of us to stay involved to maintain a healthy community.

Membership Renewals Are Due Now Through Dec. 31

Earlier this year the Society revised its membership year to end on Dec. 31st of each year. All our current members had their memberships extended to the end of this year.

Now the year is coming to a close and we ask that you renew your memberships for the 2009 calendar year.

Check your mailing label on this Cobblestone. **If it says 2008EXP that means you need to sign up for next year.** If it says 2009EXP you are already paid through the end of 2009.

We understand that our financial times are uncertain. But think of your membership as a gift to the Queen Anne community, because it helps preserve the community you are part of.

Use the coupon below to renew, or bring your renewals to the November 26th meeting.

As an incentive, the Society is making a **special offer to those renewing for two years.**

1. With a 2-year renewal you can buy our popular history of Queen Anne in **soft cover for only \$15** (normally \$25).
2. With a 2-year renewal you can own one of the elegant **hard cover editions for only \$30** (normally \$45).

Such a deal! Add a note with the coupon below, when you renew, to take advantage of this offer.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200 & up
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior	\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution only, \$	_____

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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Return with payment to: Queen Anne Historical Society,
PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109-1432

I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne: Community on the Hill*, or the new *Stairs Map*. Mailing costs additional.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25
(**\$20 for members**)

Hard cover: \$45
(**\$40 for members**)

Stairs Map: \$5

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Hard cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Stairs Map qty: _____; Cost _____

Plus mailing costs at \$3/book

or \$1.50/map: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

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Coming up: Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard discuss their book, “Washington Then and Now” at the **Wed. Nov. 26th** general meeting at the McClure Middle School Library, at 7:30 pm. Story on page 1.

KIM’S MUSINGS

November

Once upon a time there was a stormy November on Queen Anne Hill. This is true almost always, as November can be a wet and windy month every year. While growing up on Queen Anne I can recall more than one year when November brought snow and sub-freezing temperatures (1955) as well as storms which took out power from many homes on Thanksgiving Day – in at least one instance, during the 1970's, to the detriment of the roasting turkeys. Fortunately, our houses on the southeast slope never lost power, although I can remember two separate incidents when the lights flickered.

The flip side of stormy November is the rich colors on the trees as they begin their dormancy period. We have enough colors to compare with New England's “Fall Foliage” although we tend to forget that, in view of the evergreens which abound in this part of the country. November brings the memory of a

short poem, whose author I do not know, but which was a favorite of one of my friends:

“No flowers, no bees,
No leaves on the trees,
No wonder, November!”

If any of you can find a source for this poem, please let me know. Happy Holidays!

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHS

Mt. Pleasant June Tour Update

Omitted from last issue's story on the June 28 walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery was a thank you to people who assisted the tour guides. **Margaret Lahde** helped with the pictures. **Holly Smith** and **Nadine Frazier** helped with the sign-in table and answered questions for the visitors. As always, we thank **Bill and Loretta Edwards**, Mt. Pleasant owners, who have worked with us for many years.

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.